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THE GLOBE-DEMOCRAT seems a little off on Conkling.

TUESDAY ended Griscom's forty-five days fast. Next.

WEDNESDAY of this week the democrats of Ohio met in convention to nominate a candidate for Governor.

ACCORDING to our advices by cable from France, the crops of that country are excellent, and this year's vintage will be the best for fifteen years.

THE youngest daughter of Wm. Morgan, who, it is claimed was put out of the way by reason of having divulged Masonic secrets many years ago, is said to be living in Oregon.

GEN. MEADE, was wounded during the rebellion, similar to Garfield. He recovered in two months. At his death, which occurred from pneumonia, the autopsy showed that the ball had pierced the liver.

THE AGENTS of the title of a new, spicy, monthly, published as its name indicates, in the interests and for the information of agents. It is sent for \$50 a year, and would be cheap at twice that amount. One of the most interesting and laudable features of the Herald is its exposure of swindling advertisers and bogus firms. Single Nos. 10c.

EX-SENATOR Hitchcock, of Nebraska who died at Omaha, on the tenth from over-exertion in the sun, was a classmate of General Garfield, at Williams College. Senator Hitchcock attended the Normal commencement, one day at this place, last year. He was a polished and agreeable gentleman. He was prominently spoken of just after the late election, in connection with the Interior department.

In the Jacksonville Journal, Andrew McFarland, Supt. of the Oak Lawn asylum for the insane at that city states as follows:

In my pretty extensive repository of insane family histories the name of Gittet is found. His father and mother both presented themselves to me, bringing an extremely insane sister of the latter. Both sisters are very beautiful women, Mrs. G. especially so, and one of the most intelligent and agreeable women I have met. I saw enough of Mr. and Mrs. Gittet to retain a lasting impression—first, of their amiability and culture, but mostly for a vein of erratic belief, in which both shared alike, and which seems to have led them and their children subsequently to join the Oneida community—the father, as I now see it stated, becoming insane himself. The aunt of the president's assassin, above referred to, never recovered, if memory serves me, but died under my care, the case proving one of brain inflammation of the most intractable form. It seems to be an insane family.

THERE are not wanting plenty of people, who have a vague feeling of impending awe and dread of dire results from the visit of the comet. People too, of more than average intelligence. What then can be expected of the ignorant and more credulous? We see by a late dispatch that the colored population of Richmond, Va., are wildly excited, and their fears have been fanned into still fiercer flames, by the recent attempt at assassination of the president, and the occurrence of minor calamities, which, magnified by their fears, assume colossal proportions. During recent electrical phenomenon observable in the sunset sky some of colored philosophers decided that the "comet done bust" and affirmed an approaching smash up of all things terrestrial. The result is a marvelous revival among the colored sinners, and much sudden repentance and promise of reformation. In some of the tobacco factories the excitement has materially interfered with work, and the mania has assumed almost a decided and genuine form of lunacy.

Speaking of the assassination the Central Christian Advocate deduces this among other "Lessons of the hour"—"There has been too much partisanship in our political methods, an unhealthy and degrading greed for office possesses incapable men, whose hopes are excited by the fact that we have committed our political affairs so largely to men entirely unworthy of conducting them. The political press has been reckless and untruthful in its criticism and abuse of those who administer to the Government. No President can ever be treated more meanly by the opposition and a portion of his own party than Mr. Hayes was.

President Garfield has had nearly as ungenerous treatment, and to a great extent it has been from the same source. It does not so much arise from actual passion, as the habit of distrust which men of low breeding and selfish views import into a sphere from which a better condition of things will exclude them. We have now a fitting opportunity to strike boldly for reform. We must have something better soon or we shall have nothing left worth preserving."

Dr. Tanner, whose long fast caused so much comment a few months since has been eclipsed. The following is the telegraphic account of the close of the forty-five days fast, just concluded at Chicago:

Griscom passed a very restless night and when examined this morning his pulse was found at 66. A little before noon, attended by about 40 physicians, he went to the stage of the Olympic Theater, where a table had been elaborately set for his first meal in forty-five days. About a thousand persons occupied the parquette and balconies to witness the breaking of the fast. Griscom was introduced by Dr. W. K. Harrison, who gave personal and professional assurance that the fast had been bona fide in every respect. Griscom responded briefly, but in a voice sufficiently full and strong to be plainly heard all over the house. He gave a brief review of the Tanner fast and made comparisons between his under taking and that of the former. He believed fasting beneficial and thoroughly consistent, he assured them. He then placed himself at the table, which was set in the middle of the stage and bountifully set with strawberries, milk toast, peaches, bread, cheese and jellies. He broke his fast by slowly drinking a glass of rich milk. This he followed with a second, pleasantly conversing with the audience. He slowly ate two slices of milk toast and drank a cup of coffee. He then ate a large saucer of ripe strawberries, covering them with sugar. The only effect of the food was to induce a full feeling in his head. He said the food tasted very good, but he was not suffering from hunger. The first mouthfuls were loudly cheered. His dinner lasted about an hour.

A Crazy Crowd.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The following are fuller details as to the supposed crazy men who late last night sought to obtain an interview with the President: A nicely-dressed colored man, with black whiskers, obtained admission to the grounds, and on reaching the main entrance to the mansion induced the usher to send up his card, which bore simply the name "Bell." To Private Secretary Brown, representing that he called upon urgent business. After a time Mr. Brown came down and meeting the stranger, asked his business. "I want to be shown to the President's room immediately," said the man. "What?" said Brown in astonishment. "I want to be shown to the President's room at once," the man replied, adding, "I have been informed that he is worse, and has sent for me."

Brown saw the man was crazy, and calling a policeman instructed him to show the lunatic out of the grounds, which was done at once. He was not arrested. Two more crazy people appeared here this afternoon, one of them dangerous. One of them entered unannounced into the office of Adjutant General Drum, slapped him on the back and said: "I am commissioned by a revelation to kill Gen. Arthur." The man was instantly arrested. He was drunk. Another crazy person appeared at the White House and said he had a slave which he was commissioned by God to apply to the President's wounds, and which would cure him instantly. He was driven away.

The police are looking for a white man who called at a house on K street, near Fourteenth, last night, and asked for parties who did not live there. The girl who received him at the door was struck by his strange appearance, and engaged him in conversation for a few moments, during which, in a rambling sort of way, he stated that he was an Administration man, and was looking for Vice President Arthur to kill him. The girl became frightened and slammed the door, and the man disappeared.

The Potter's Field of this expanded Nation has two new mounds. The daisies may blossom, the gentle dew descend, and the katadids chirp; yet where will we find a man who will not shed a tear upon beholding these new tombstones:

E. CONKLING,	
Statesman,	
Perished Fighting	
for office	me too
R. L. P.	t platt

—N. Y. Express.

Action of Ohio Democrats.

CLEVELAND, O., July 9.—The democratic convention of this county in session to day unanimously and heartily adopted the following offered by Hon. R. P. Spaulding:

Resolved by the democratic convention on Cuyahoga county on the 9th day of July, 1881, assembled at Cleveland, that, looking upon Jas. A. Garfield as the constitutional president and chief executive officer of the United States of America, we regard the recent attempt to deprive him of his life as a crime of the most heinous character, that the president be assured of our deepest sympathy with himself and his family in this affliction and dispensation, and that we rejoice to know that under a kind providence the aim of the assassin is likely to be disappointed; that we recommend to congress the enactment of more stringent measures for the protection of the persons of our executive officers at the seat of government.

The Work of Red Devils.

SANTA FE, N. M., July 7.—Further information from Las Del Norte confirms the reported massacre of the surviving party of thirteen men in the employ of the Mexican Central Railroad. The bodies were discovered by Col. J. F. Bennett and party of Denver. Three of the bodies were burned beyond recognition. None of them have yet been identified. There is no doubt but that the massacre was the work of the Apache Indians.

SENTIMENT.

The Feeling Throughout Europe.

LONDON, July 6.—Anxiety concerning President Garfield continues unabated. It is the unanimous testimony of the Americans here that the personal feeling among the English people aroused by the shooting of the President is greater than that evoked by any foreign event of recent years.

Dispatches from Berlin say that the press has devoted as much attention to the attempt on Garfield's life as it did to the murder of the Czar. The Germans have had too much painful experience of the kind not to feel deep sympathy with the almost semi-filial nature. Telegrams of sympathy and inquiry continue to pour in on United States Minister White, and the whole time of the legation is occupied in replying to them and seeing anxious visitors. In the American Colony, which never fails to celebrate Independence Day, there has been nothing to remind one of the festival except the stars and stripes floating languidly over the legation and consulate, and it is universally hoped the banner will not have to be run up at half mast. The latest telegrams from Washington are eagerly awaited, and all comments of the press may be reduced to a detestation of the crime and the culpable system which produced it.

The Germania (clerical) fears that if Garfield again returns to power the republic will have to experience bitter conflicts before the system of reforms which Garfield had so courageously begun is effectively carried out.

Congress May Be Convened.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The Post's Washington special says: It is said on good authority that a proclamation convening congress in special session was propagated yesterday or earlier and signed by the president. To be issued in the event of his illness, taking an unfavorable and necessarily fatal turn. The object of this action, which it is said has been taken with the approval of the cabinet and Vice-President Arthur is to provide against any possible contingency. The session would be called to elect a president of the senate pro tem and a speaker of the house of representatives, and no miscellaneous business would be likely to be considered.

The Refrigerator.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The success achieved by the refrigerating apparatus insures the uniform temperature of the sick room and adds another feature to the favorable circumstances surrounding the case. By means of a steam fan air is blown over tons of ice and the air comes immediately into the room, and it is possible to reduce the temperature to 34°. This morning it is at 75° and the doctors have ordered the engine to run slower as the room is cool enough. None of the other appliances will be used.

Griscom, the Faster.

CHICAGO, JULY 7.—At noon Griscom began the forty-first day. He slept well most of the time. At 2:30 he drank eight ounces of water. At 7 a. m. his pulse was 54, respiration 14, temperature 98. At noon he weighed 153 lbs., a loss of a half pound. Total loss 44 1/2 pounds. He is cheerful and confident. He still sleeps his regular seven hours at night and is in good spirits. No unpleasant symptoms are yet manifested. With the watchers he took a short walk this p. m.

Fatal Storm.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 7.—A terrible wind storm passed over this section last night. At Perry Valley, seven miles north, the house of a farmer named Coe was entirely demolished, and his wife and two children seriously injured. The house of Geo. W. Chamberlain was also wrecked, and the occupants fatally injured. The storm moved eastward. Its path was but 100 paces wide.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 11.—A frightful collision occurred yesterday near Hudson Wis. The rear portion of the freight train consisting of fourteen heavily loaded cars broke loose at the summit of a steep grade and ran back toward Hudson with incredible rapidity. Standing on the main track at the station was another freight train of forty-five cars drawn by two locomotives. All the train men jumped in time to save themselves, except engineer Geo. Treder, who appeared too dazed to move in time, and was instantly killed in attempting to jump out of the cab window. The track was rooted up for a distance of fifteen rods. The mass of wreckage is enormous, nearly every car being ruined. Both engines and several cars were driven back several rods and broke through a trestle.

Another Account.

CHICAGO, July 11.—The worst disaster in the history of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad occurred at Hudson, Wisconsin, yesterday. A wild freight of forty-three cars and two engines broke in two and ran unchecked down a steep grade and could not be overtaken. Having acquired a velocity of sixty miles an hour it crossed the bridge and struck another freight train at the depot, killing engineer George Fielder and making a terrible collision. Loss \$50,000.

Fashionable mottoes for pillow shams are Good night, "Bon Soir," "did you forget to lock the front door?" "Sweet dream," "Be sure and leave the milk picher out," Texas Siftings.

Prof. Proctor says the world will last 50,000,000 years yet. The Hawkeye man is Yankee enough to bet with him that it won't last half as long.

POLITICAL.

Ohio Democratic Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., July 13.—The Democratic State Convention was called to order at 11 this a. m. by Jno. G. Thompson, Chairman of the State Central Committee. Prayer was omitted. The preliminary organization was announced as follows: Chairman, J. Edwin Speer, Cincinnati; Secretary, W. J. Gleason, Cleveland; Assistant Secretaries, Thos. Wetzel, Lancaster, and Geo. Maul, Sandusky. Mr. Speer spoke briefly. Various preliminary committees were then announced.

A Converted Stalwart Organ.

NEW YORK, July 13.—The Post's Albany special says the Little Falls Journal is friendly to Conkling and announces itself in favor of the election of Lapham and Miller.

McCarthy Declines.

ALBANY, July 13.—Senator McCarthy of the senate caucus committee this morning sent a reply to the assembly caucus committee declining to join with them in a call for a caucus, referring to his former letter for the reasons.

Joint Convention.

ALBANY, July 13.—The ballot for the short term was Lapham, 69; Potter, 52; Conkling, 32; Fish 1; Woodford, 1; necessary to a choice, 78.

Ballot for long term: Kernan, 51; Miller, 71; Wheeler, 23; Everts, 1; Adams 1; Chapman 2; Fish 2; Daniels 3; Storm 1; necessary to choice 78. Adjourned.

MARENGO, IOWA, July 13.—The water in the Iowa river is at the highest point known. The public square is two feet under water and boats are propelled in the public streets without difficulty. The water is still rising, thousands of acres of farm land are under water and the crops are ruined. Several large flourishing woolen mills are flooded. The water is running into the court house, Post-office and a number of business houses. It is estimated that half a million dollars worth of damage has already been done. The prospects are favorable for more rain.

Oregon's Orison.

PORTLAND, July 9.—The Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer unite in a dispatch to Blaine congratulating him on behalf of the people of Oregon in the improvement of the President.

A farmer on being asked to write a testimonial for a patent clothes-wringer, produced the following: "I bought your clothes wringer, and am hugely pleased with it. I bought a jag of wood which proved too green and unfit to burn; I ran the whole load through your wringer, and have used the wood for kindling ever since."

"Now you better let me put up a set of these weather strips on your doors," pleaded the agent in an insinuating voice; "they keep the house very warm." But the man said no; his wife's mother was stopping with them this winter, and he guessed it would be warm enough without the strips, and the agent being a sensible man, saw that way too, and went out to hunt up another customer.

James M. Clutter's stove and heading factory at Clay City, Ind., was burned yesterday by an incendiary; no insurance loss \$5,500.

The shops of the Dodge manufacturing company at Mishawaka Ind., were struck by lightning and burned last night; \$30,000 loss no insurance.

Sugar refiners of New York City have agreed to reduce production this week by one-third, in order to recover from the present stagnation.

So far 19 states and one territory approve Gov. Foster's call for national thanksgiving over the president's recovery. The governor of Georgia has been added to the committee on date.

The Iowa river is higher than ever before known.

French residents of Chicago and the northwest have forwarded resolutions of sympathy to President Garfield.

"The only lady that ever impressed me much," said an old bachelor, "was a 300 pound woman, who was standing in a car and when the car turned a corner fell against me."

When a young lady is sitting in a hammock with a gentleman so close to her that she jumps and blushes when a lightning bug strikes its light, its time that he was interviewing her parents.

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, in an article in the New York Independent, says of Protestant missions: "Neither have (Protestant) nor in Egypt have two dozen Musulmans been yet converted." The Upstart of Islam is not dying out yet, by any means. If any man dreams that it is, let him go and visit in Cairo the immense Mohammedan University of El Azhar, where its 10,000 students, all busy over their Korans and preparing to be priests and missionaries. Moslemism is still an aggressive system.

Gov. C. has pardoned Andrew Trusell sentenced last March in Schuyler county to two years for burglary, the object being to allow him to be witness against Frank Cross, jointly indicted with him for same crime.

The New York Graphic says, "It is reported in certain circles that three of the subscribers to the Grant testimonial fund, namely, Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. John Hoey and Mr. E. Sanford, have thus far declined to pay up, and that the fund is thus \$15,000 short of the promised \$250,000."

A Danbury bootblack was in South Norwalk when the train went through there, on its way to Hartford, with the nation's military dignitaries. "Did you see General Sherman?" asked a citizen, this morning while having a shine. "No. Was he looking for me?" was the response. The citizen was shocked.

THE NEWS.

Denouncing the Deed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—The tax payers' convention adopted resolutions scolding the insanity of the president's assassin as a myth attributing his action to political disturbances, endorsing the acts of the president and extending sympathy to him and his family. The greenback central committee to-night denounced the assassination.

Everything Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The President's pulse this morning receded again though he did not pass as good a night as the night before. The storm of yesterday evening appeared to have some depressing effect, but towards morning the symptoms showed a rallying from that, Dr. Bliss said at one o'clock this afternoon. "Everything is most satisfactory and the next bulletin will show a continuation of the favorable symptoms."

The Lafayette Family.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Among the dispatches received by Secretary Blaine this morning were the following:

PARIS, July 7.—To the Secretary of State. Grief on account of the event. Warm sympathies. [Signed] LAFAYETTE FAMILY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 8, 1 p. m.—The increase in the pulse and temperature of the President since morning is attributed by the attending surgeons to the heat of noon and to the process of suppuration which is now going on in the wound near the surface of the body. This process, which is accompanied by a slight discharge of pus, is entirely natural and is an expected necessary result of the injury at this stage of the case.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The last bulletin at 1:30 p. m. follows: The progress of the President's case continues to be favorable. Pulse 108; temperature 110.4; respiration 24. The President's condition continues so favorable that no further bulletin will be issued until 8:30 p. m. The wound had just been dressed, and Dr. Bliss said it is in good condition. The pulse has gone up since morning. So has the temperature and respiration, but the doctors insist that this is not a bad sign and that all the favorable symptoms continue.

Dr. Hamilton's Opinion.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Dr. Hamilton says if President Garfield's physicians are furnished with conclusive proof that his liver is injured they shall be forced to consider the case as having taken an aspect of additional gravity. Although the wound inflicted on the liver would increase the president's danger very much, it would not necessarily kill him. People have frequently recovered after having been shot through the liver. While admitting the president's symptoms most encouraging, Dr. Hamilton says his recovery could only be positively determined after weeks and perhaps months of careful watching.

The Albany Joint Convention.

ALBANY, July 8.—In the joint convention the ballot for the short term (combined vote) was: Potter, 50; Conkling, 32; Wheeler, 38; Cornell, 8; Crowley, 4; Lapham, 12; Rogers, 6; Folger 1. No choice.

The ballot for the long term combined vote was: Kernan 50, Depew 51, Cornell 20, Chapman 4, Crowley 18, Fish 1, Wheeler 1, Everts 1, Daniels 1, Tremaine 4 and Lapham 1. No choice.

SECOND BALLOT.

Short term—Combined vote: Potter 50, Conkling 32, Wheeler 42, Cornell 6, Crowley 2, Lapham 12, Rogers 6 and Folger 1. No choice.

Second ballot, long term—Combined vote: Kernan 50, Depew 51, Cornell 19, Chapman 4, Crowley 18, Fish 1, Wheeler 1, Everts 1, Daniels 1, North 1, Tremaine, Lapham 1, Talcott 1. No choice.

The Senatorial Caucus.

ALBANY, July 8.—It seems settled the Half-Breed headed caucus this afternoon will select two caucus candidates for the Senatorial vacancies, probably Depew and another. If the Stalwarts refuse to attend and hold out a day or two longer, an adjournment will ensue, but if the Stalwarts go over there will be an election. No Stalwart will admit any intention to attend the caucus.

Arthur Calls.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, July 9, 11:25 a. m.—The symptoms of the President continue favorable. Vice President Arthur called at the Executive Mansion this morning. Mrs. Garfield had gone out for a drive so that he did not see her and there happened to be none of the members of the Cabinet present, but he talked for a short time with the attending physicians with regard to the progress of the President's case.

The Ball.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Dr. Weiss, of the University Medical College, after making experiments on two dead bodies, the conditions being as far as possible the same as the President's case, gives it as his opinion that the ball in the President has not penetrated the liver, but lodged in the lower part of the body. Dr. Hamilton expressed somewhat similar views.

Continues Favorable.

WASHINGTON, July 9, 11:30 a. m.—The President's appetite continues good and not unfavorable indications are apparent. Vice President Arthur called at the White House at 11:19 and remained only a few minutes.

"They are Better."

WASHINGTON, 3:30 p. m., July 9.—Dr. Reyburn, who has just left the President, was asked how the President's symptoms at this hour compared with yesterday at the same time. "They are better," replied the Doctor. "His pulse is lower, temperature lower and he has taken more food."

Sunday morning, 2 o'clock.—The news from Washington continues favorable. The President is doing remarkably well and some of his physicians who a week ago did not believe he would live to the present time, will now be greatly disappointed if he fails of speedy recovery. It is not a certainty yet, of course, but the chances are greatly in favor of the big-brained and big-hearted President.—Globe Democrat.

Joint Convention.

ALBANY, July 11.—In the joint convention the ballot for the short term was: Conkling 28, Lapham 6, Potter 48, Fish 1, Cornell 1. Necessary to choice 70.

Ballot for long term: Kernan 48, Miller 61, Wheeler 18, Adams 2, Everts 1, Chapman 2, Rogers 3, Storin 1, Fish 2. Necessary to choice 70.

The Convention adjourned.

GETTING BETTER.

The President Continues to Improve.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The latest bulletin from Washington dated yesterday 2:30 p. m. says: The condition of the President has not materially changed since morning. His condition shows an improvement over yesterday. By means of refrigerating apparatus the temperature of the room is kept in a pleasant condition the temperature being some 15 degrees lower than that of the outside. The President says he is feeling better and is getting well. Dr. Bliss agrees with him.

THE PRESIDENT.

His Condition Tuesday Afternoon.

July 12.—Morning report says the fever which the President suffered yesterday evening has abated.

The following bulletin was sent to the cabinet officers by the executive secretary this morning: "The unfavorable symptoms which made their appearance yesterday afternoon have subsided. The President passed a very comfortable, restful night and this morning his pulse is 96 and temperature 99.6-10. This would seem to indicate that the increased pulse and temperature of last evening was merely a temporary fluctuation due, as the surgeons supposed at the time, to some monetary tax on the nervous system rather than to any unfavorable change in his condition."

The ventilator in use is still doing the work to entire satisfaction keeping the room cool. The President says he feels very tired but makes no other allusion to his fever of yesterday. At his request his boys, Harry and James, have resumed their studies. Mrs. Garfield receives numerous letters from little children who can only print their letters. All are full of sweet sympathy and are duly appreciated. She will take a drive to-day.

2:40 p. m.—The President is passing a comfortable day; pulse 100, temperature 100.4, respiration 24.

ALBANY.

Miller only Eight Votes Short of an Election.

ALBANY, July 12.—Ballot for Conkling's seat resulted: Lapham, 68; Conkling 32; Potter, democrat, 52; scattering, 3; total 155; necessary to elect, 78.

Ballot for Platt's seat: Miller, 70; Wheeler, 31; Kernan, dem., 57; scattering, 12; total, 155; necessary to elect, 78.

Rogers was withdrawn. Convention then adjourned until tomorrow.

On the Road to Recovery.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The President is better to-day than ever before since he was shot. Dr. Bliss says there are marked signs of improvement and that the pulse and temperature are nearly normal. The President ate some woodcock and toast to-day in addition to his regular diet of milk and rum. Dr. Bliss says the president is now on the road to a steady, but necessarily slow improvement. This is the twelfth day since the President was shot and the day on which the surgeons say the turn in such wounds occurs. The attending surgeons say that the indications to-day are of a change for the better. The 1 o'clock bulletin shows the improved condition of the president continues notwithstanding the very hot weather. The fever is lower than on the middle of any day recently. The pulse is below 100 and the temperature is scarcely more than 100. The surgeons believe that the increase of fever this evening will be very slight.

Nose, Toes, Etc.

Said a prim teacher to the class in composition: "make a rhyming couplet including the words nose, toes, corn, kettle, car, two and boil." There was a silence for a little while, and then a boy held up his hand in token of success. "Read the couplet," said the teacher, and the boy read:

"Won't you please play us something, Miss Hammer and bang?" asked Fogz. "I should like to ever so much," she said, looking at her watch; "but really I have no time." So I have heard; said Fogz; but we will overlook that you know.

A fellow filled a rich old gentleman out of a mill-pond, and refused the offer of 25 cents from the rescued miser. "Oh! that's too much!" exclaimed he. "Taint worth it." And he handed back twenty-one cents, saying, calmly, as he pocketed four cents: "That's about right."

ONLY SHEEPSKIN.—Chamois skins are not derived from the chamois, as many people suppose, but are the flesh side of sheepskins. These skins are soaked in lime-water and in a solution of sulphuric acid, fish oil is poured over them and they are then carefully washed in solution of potash.

THE COMET.

Humorous Verses Written About Forty Years Ago by Dr. Holmes.

About forty years ago, when the astronomers predicted the appearance of the comet which came within the observation of the people of our earth in 1843, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes delighted the people of that day and generation with the following humorous poem which served an excellent purpose at the time to allay the fears of the timid, and furnish intellectual enjoyment to those who could appreciate the wit and excellent moral lesson:

The comet he is on his way,
And singing as he flies;
The whizzing planets shrink before
The specter of the skies.
All well may regal orbs turn blue
And satellites turn pale,
Ten million cubic miles of head,
Ten billion leagues of tail!

On, on, by whistling spheres of light
He flashes and he flames;
He turns not to the left or right,
He asks them not their names.
One spurn from his demonic heel—
Away, away they fly,
Where darkness may be bottled up
And sold for "Tyrian dye."

And what would happen to the land,
And how would look the sea,
If in the bearded devil's path
Our earth should chance to be?
Full hot and high the sea would boil,
Full red the forests gleam;
Methought I saw and heard it all
In a dyspeptic dream.

I saw a tutor take his tube
The comet's course to spy;
I heard a scream—the gathered rays
Had stowed the tutor's eye;
I saw all a fiery host
Were armed with zodiac green;
Pop cracked the guns! Whiz flew the balls!
Bang went the magazine!

I saw a poet dip a scroll
Each moment in a tub,
I read upon the wrapping back
"The Dream of Beelzebub";
He could not see his verse burn,
Because his brain was fried,
An ever and anon he bent
To wet them as they dried.

I saw the scalding pitch roll down
The crackling, sweating pines,
And streams of smoke, like water-spouts
Burst through the rumbling pines.
I asked the fireman why they made
Such noise about the town,
They answered not, but all the while
The brakes went up and down.

I saw a roasting piglet sit
Upon a baking egg;
I saw a cripple scorch his hand
Extinguishing his leg;
I saw nine geese upon the wing
Toward the frozen pole,
And every mother's gosling fell
Crisped to a crackling cold.

I saw the ox that browsed the grass
Written in the blistering rays,
The herbage in his shrinking jaws
Was all a fiery haze;
I saw huge fishes boiled to rags,
Bob through the bubbling brine;
And thoughts of supper crossed my soul;
I had been rash at mine.

Strange sight! strange sounds! O,
Fearful dream!
His memory haunts me still,
The streaming sea, the crimson glare,
That wreathed each wooded hill;
Stranger, if thou'rt feeling brain
Such midnight visions sweep
Spare, spare, O, spare thine evening meal
And sweet shall be thy sleep!

For the Widows and Orphans of Disabled Soldiers.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, May 16, 1881.

There being now pending in this department great numbers of volunteer pension claims which cannot be safely verified for want of information which missing records of discontinued volunteer commands would afford, and it having transpired in many instances that officers of the late volunteer forces have still in their possession or under their control books and other records pertaining to their corps, divisions, brigades, regiments and companies, their attention is called to the fact that all such books and records should be deposited with this office, and they are earnestly requested to cause the same to be forwarded with out delay